

NEW SOUTH WALES.

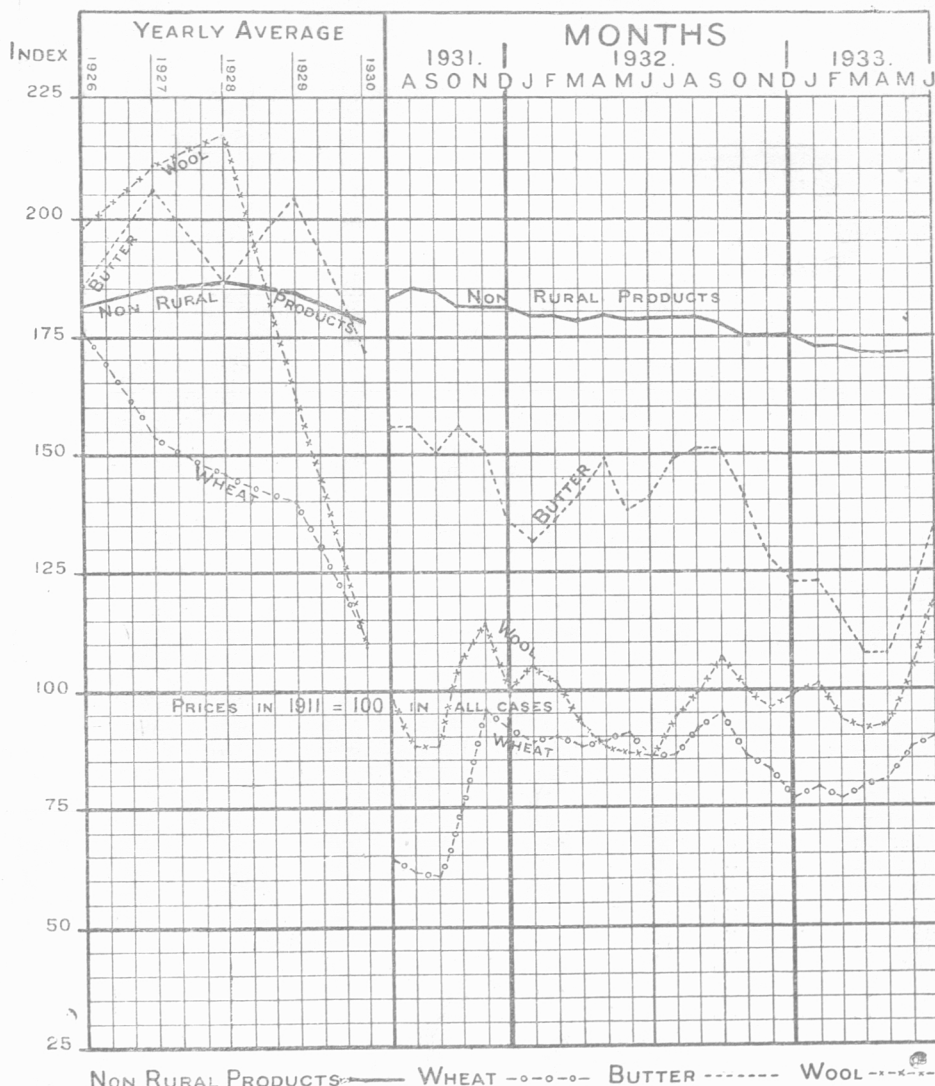
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100.



All prices are in Australian currency. The indexes for recent months are shown in table 24 on page 11 of this summary. The footnotes to that table apply also to this graph.

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[Price, 3d.]

SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.
(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

| Month. | Sheep Districts. | | | | | Wheat Districts. | | | | Dairying Districts (Coastal only). | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | N. | C. | S. | W. | T. | N. | C. | S. | T. | N. | C. | S. | T. |
| 1932. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April ... | 151 | 116 | 200 | 153 | 157 | 111 | 132 | 216 | 181 | 108 | 66 | 86 | 94 |
| May ... | 61 | 37 | 46 | 130 | 57 | 60 | 36 | 42 | 43 | 96 | 101 | 65 | 93 |
| June ... | 45 | 50 | 63 | 43 | 59 | 44 | 51 | 86 | 72 | 52 | 52 | 14 | 47 |
| July ... | 77 | 80 | 100 | 74 | 85 | 76 | 76 | 95 | 87 | 44 | 134 | 119 | 77 |
| August ... | 39 | 90 | 166 | 93 | 101 | 45 | 96 | 160 | 129 | 32 | 61 | 157 | 55 |
| September ... | 239 | 197 | 96 | 106 | 166 | 241 | 183 | 103 | 141 | 213 | 274 | 220 | 230 |
| October ... | 97 | 63 | 47 | 25 | 63 | 109 | 69 | 41 | 57 | 99 | 79 | 91 | 93 |
| November ... | 126 | 127 | 101 | 111 | 117 | 115 | 139 | 99 | 112 | 101 | 113 | 143 | 110 |
| December ... | 51 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 54 | 64 | 66 | 55 | 59 | 29 | 42 | 104 | 42 |
| 1933. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 165 | 100 | 136 | 58 | 126 | 172 | 106 | 153 | 143 | 140 | 122 | 236 | 148 |
| February ... | 39 | 9 | 1 | 27 | 17 | 32 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 38 | 21 | 14 | 31 |
| March ... | 27 | 63 | 46 | 34 | 44 | 43 | 63 | 50 | 53 | 47 | 48 | 86 | 52 |
| April ... | 69 | 123 | 79 | 58 | 86 | 50 | 130 | 75 | 86 | 187 | 151 | 77 | 164 |
| May ... | 112 | 78 | 76 | 73 | 86 | 91 | 73 | 71 | 74 | 58 | 40 | 83 | 56 |
| June ... | 103 | 56 | 65 | 32 | 69 | 105 | 55 | 62 | 65 | 210 | 154 | 74 | 178 |

N.—Northern; S.—Southern; C.—Central; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

In the past seven months the rainfall has been patchy in character. Dry conditions over the greater part of the sheep and wheat districts were relieved by widespread rains late in June and early in July, but the germination of wheat crops has been uneven. Conditions in the northern and central dairying districts are satisfactory.

2. WOOL.

The production of wool in 1933-34 is expected to be $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to 10 per cent. less than in 1932-33, when it reached the record total of approximately 528,000,000 lb.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

| Period. | Number of bales sold. | | | Amount realised for wool sold | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. |
| Year ended 30th June* .. | 1,037,497 | 1,176,643 | 1,272,555 | £11,743,360 | £12,726,626 | £14,357,939 |

Number of Bales Received into Store.

| | During Month. | | | Total for Season to end of Month. | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| July ... | 24,787 | 31,672 | 52,218 | 24,787 | 31,672 | 52,218 |
| August ... | 131,860 | 203,140 | 240,365 | 156,647 | 234,812 | 292,583 |
| September ... | 308,429 | 332,320 | 283,411 | 465,076 | 567,132 | 575,994 |
| October ... | 254,369 | 291,250 | 286,955 | 719,445 | 858,382 | 862,949 |
| November ... | 169,343 | 180,321 | 177,429 | 888,788 | 1,038,703 | 1,040,378 |
| December ... | 53,623 | 64,342 | 52,967 | 942,411 | 1,103,045 | 1,093,345 |
| January ... | 14,036 | 21,140 | 22,419 | 956,447 | 1,124,185 | 1,115,764 |
| February ... | 14,398 | 19,479 | 18,180 | 970,845 | 1,143,664 | 1,133,944 |
| March ... | 17,493 | 22,625 | 24,842 | 988,338 | 1,166,289 | 1,158,786 |
| April ... | 29,595 | 23,803 | 24,739 | 1,017,933 | 1,190,092 | 1,183,525 |
| May ... | 19,503 | 19,957 | 29,584 | 1,037,436 | 1,210,049 | 1,213,109 |
| June ... | 19,927 | 14,925 | 33,578 | 1,057,363 | 1,224,974 | 1,246,687 |

Number of Bales in Store Unsold.

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| 30th June ... | 23,276 | 61,161 | 21,902 | ... | ... | ... |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|

* Including carry over from previous season.

The course of wool prices is shown in Table 24. Full clearances have been made at auctions, and there is virtually no carry over.

3. WHEAT.

The quantity of new season's wheat despatched or awaiting despatch from country stations of New South Wales Government Railways was 65,813,000 bushels as at 8th July, 1933. This quantity may include a certain amount handled twice. It is estimated that the total crop harvested in the State in 1932-33 was in the vicinity of 77,000,000 bushels. The Director of Marketing forecasted on 10th July, 1933, that the area sown with wheat for grain and hay in New South Wales in the season 1933-34 would be 4,700,000 acres.

WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTED OVERSEA FROM NEW SOUTH WALES (DIRECT)

| Month. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| | Bushels of Wheat. | | | Tons of Flour. | | |
| December | 2,930,397 | 3,470,737 | 5,895,225 | 13,922 | 22,404 | 25,331 |
| January | 2,863,173 | 5,344,533 | 6,033,908 | 11,018 | 10,212 | 15,049 |
| February | 3,555,985 | 5,307,083 | 7,525,590 | 14,089 | 20,291 | 31,373 |
| March | 7,343,386 | 3,521,337 | 4,166,015 | 18,196 | 24,223 | 30,190 |
| April | 3,862,418 | 1,853,105 | 1,184,170 | 17,845 | 17,046 | 16,499 |
| May | 3,026,073 | 1,305,925 | 635,482 | 19,779 | 21,293 | 15,080 |
| June | 3,207,287 | 263,930 | 1,382,372 | 17,043 | 10,959 | 14,656 |

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

| | Bushels of Wheat (Equivalent). | | | Value £. | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| December | 3,593,337 | 4,537,605 | 7,101,449 | 487,866 | 737,355 | 1,039,636 |
| January | 3,387,859 | 5,830,820 | 6,750,537 | 432,109 | 986,683 | 981,122 |
| February | 4,226,878 | 6,273,300 | 9,019,564 | 447,882 | 1,013,169 | 1,258,224 |
| March | 8,209,881 | 4,674,823 | 5,603,643 | 923,968 | 735,213 | 806,092 |
| April | 4,712,172 | 2,664,881 | 1,969,815 | 525,948 | 433,343 | 277,630 |
| May | 3,967,911 | 2,319,877 | 1,353,556 | 489,707 | 373,318 | 198,201 |
| June | 4,018,877 | 785,799 | 2,080,293 | 449,064 | 120,914 | 314,021 |
| Total (seven months) | 32,116,915 | 27,087,105 | 33,878,857 | 3,756,544 | 4,399,995 | 4,874,946 |

On 8th July, 1933, the quantity of new season's wheat grain stored in silos and on railway premises was 16,540,000 bushels. Of this quantity 6,108,000 bushels were on sites in the Metropolitan Area. Stocks of grain and flour as at the end of November, 1932, were equivalent to 2,640,000 bushels of wheat as compared with 5,453,000 bushels a year previously.

The course of wheat prices is shown in Table 24.

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in 1931-32 reached a record total, which was exceeded in the 1932-33 season.

| Month. | Output of Butter (New South Wales factories). | | Butter exported oversea (New South Wales). | | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1932. | 1933. | Quantity. | | Value. | |
| | | | 1932. | 1933. | 1932. | 1933. |
| | Thousand lb. | | Thousand lb. | | £ | £ |
| Year ended 30th June ... | 118,448 | *124,321 | 39,463 | 42,487 | 1,990,564 | 1,813,383 |
| Total—January to June.. | 61,460 | *63,675 | 22,094 | 22,048 | 1,071,728 | 869,524 |
| January | 13,879 | 12,271 | 7,901 | 5,343 | 374,938 | 228,155 |
| February | 11,581 | 13,463 | 5,092 | 6,192 | 245,812 | 249,443 |
| March | 9,804 | 12,357 | 3,936 | 7,126 | 197,188 | 267,097 |
| April | 9,999 | 9,869 | 1,708 | 2,284 | 91,360 | 82,190 |
| May | 8,991 | 8,715 | 2,550 | 828 | 118,755 | 31,366 |
| June | 7,205 | *7,000 | 906 | 254 | 43,675 | 11,273 |

*Estimated.

The course of butter prices is shown in Table 24.

5. COAL.

In the absence of monthly records of production, the best available indications of trends in the industry are provided by railway haulings and exports:—

| Month. | Coal Hauled by Government Railways.† | | | Coal Exported from New South Wales.† | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 1928. | 1932. | 1933. | 1932. | 1933. |
| Twelve months ended 31st December | tons. 6,198,971 | tons. 4,609,416 | tons. ... | tons. 2,368,092 | tons. ... |
| January | 546,533 | 325,634 | 360,500 | 157,959 | 204,914 |
| February | 502,801 | 370,813 | 387,499 | 197,860 | 217,050 |
| March | 522,006 | 385,149 | 430,810 | 204,570 | 235,651 |
| April | 427,279 | 377,698 | 336,798 | 191,103 | 200,664 |
| May | 572,078 | 386,360 | 473,995 | 186,555 | 237,107 |
| June | 515,271 | 396,098 | 435,000* | 207,015 | 214,259 |
| Total (January to June) ... | 3,085,968 | 2,241,752 | 2,424,602* | 1,145,062 | 1,309,645 |

* Approximate.

† Cargo and bunker, Oversea and Interstate.

‡ Excludes coal used by the Railway Department and coal shipped or used in New South Wales without being hauled over Government railways.

6. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

| Month. | Factory Sales. | | | | Employees. | | | | Weekly Salaries and Wages. | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. |
| January... | 2,553 | 1,982 | 1,822 | 1,996 | 180 | 135 | 137 | 152 | 776 | 542 | 497 | 545 |
| February ... | 2,630 | 1,993 | 2,108 | 2,098 | 179 | 140 | 141 | 156 | 769 | 535 | 519 | 559 |
| March ... | 2,607 | 1,977 | 2,273 | 2,297 | 174 | 142 | 144 | 155 | 732 | 539 | 535 | 549 |
| April ... | 2,351 | 1,867 | 2,019 | 1,862 | 167 | 140 | 144 | 156 | 697 | 531 | 529 | 529 |
| May ... | 2,384 | 1,929 | 1,989 | 2,153 | 162 | 137 | 142 | 157 | 667 | 526 | 523 | 539 |
| June ... | 2,130 | 1,879 | 1,823 | ... | 159 | 137 | 139 | ... | 638 | 506 | 501 | ... |
| July ... | 2,312 | 1,986 | 1,887 | ... | 153 | 135 | 142 | ... | 620 | 516 | 520 | ... |
| August ... | 2,071 | 1,845 | 2,058 | ... | 152 | 136 | 150 | ... | 598 | 514 | 554 | ... |
| September ... | 2,131 | 1,889 | 2,116 | ... | 152 | 140 | 155 | ... | 566 | 519 | 559 | ... |
| October ... | 2,208 | 1,914 | 2,042 | ... | 150 | 142 | 156 | ... | 555 | 539 | 556 | ... |
| November ... | 2,204 | 2,050 | 2,326 | ... | 149 | 142 | 156 | ... | 553 | 528 | 560 | ... |
| December ... | 2,222 | 2,265 | 2,375 | ... | 141 | 142 | 155 | ... | 596 | 527 | 587 | ... |
| Average (January -December) ... | 2,317 | 1,965 | 2,070 | ... | 160 | 139 | 147 | ... | 647 | 527 | 537 | ... |

7. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

PERMITS TO ERECT NEW BUILDINGS.

| | Total Value for Quarter ended 31st March. | | | Country Municipalities (March Quarter). | | Suburbs (Month of June). | | Suburbs (3 months ended June). | |
|------|---|--------------|--------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | City.† | Suburbs. | Country.‡ | No. | Value of Buildings. | No. | Value of Buildings. | No. | Value of Buildings. |
| 1931 | £ 411,905 | £ 171,735 | £ 211,123 | 294 | £ 173,473 | 31 | £ 29,064 | 113 | £ 111,986 |
| 1932 | 84,280 | 99,871 | 137,827 | 215 | 95,222 | 39 | 24,178 | 144 | 137,677 |
| 1933 | 230,716 | 236,590 | 204,308 | 294 | 150,882 | 134 | 138,929 | 303 | 279,733 |

† New buildings and additions.

‡ Municipalities and seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area.

Figures as to permits to erect new buildings show in advance the trend in the building industry. Comparative figures for previous months, quarters and years, are shown on page 21 of the "New South Wales Statistical Bulletin" for March Quarter, 1933.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

8. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.

To and from New South Wales direct Oversea.

| | Month of June. | | Year ended 30th June. | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Imports. | Exports.* | Imports. | Exports.* |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1931 | 1,526,458 | 1,806,559 | 26,311,260 | 30,233,265 |
| 1932 | 1,891,655 | 1,133,242 | 18,796,484 | 30,889,288 |
| 1933 | 1,988,026 | 1,802,061 | 23,803,876 | 33,376,951 |

* Excluding gold specie and gold bar, dust, etc.

The values of imports represent the cost f.o.b. port of export plus 10 per cent., and are recorded in *English currency*. The values of exports are the values in the principal markets of New South Wales, less bonuses on butter, &c., and are recorded in *Australian currency*.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

AMOUNT of Recorded Sales (New South Wales) under Sales Tax Act.

| Month. | 1931. | | | 1932. | | | 1933. | | |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| | Million £. | | | Million £. | | | Million £. | | |
| January | 4.20 | 5.13 | 9.33 | 4.53 | 5.36 | 9.89 | 4.05 | 5.47 | 9.52 |
| February | 4.56 | 5.15 | 9.71 | 4.76 | 4.76 | 9.52 | 4.49 | 5.49 | 9.98 |
| March | 4.82 | 4.82 | 9.64 | 5.05 | 4.50 | 9.55 | 4.97 | 5.95 | 10.92 |
| April | 5.27 | 6.10 | 11.37 | 5.39 | 4.78 | 10.17 | 5.00 | 5.67 | 10.67 |
| May | 5.16 | 4.65 | 9.81 | 5.03 | 5.14 | 10.17 | 5.35 | 6.02 | 11.37 |
| June | 5.64 | 5.07 | 10.71 | 4.67 | 4.94 | 9.61 | ... | ... | ... |
| July | 4.63 | 5.02 | 9.65 | 4.66 | 5.43 | 10.09 | ... | ... | ... |
| August | 4.68 | 4.42 | 9.10 | 5.01 | 5.21 | 10.22 | ... | ... | ... |
| September | 4.81 | 5.64 | 10.45 | 5.42 | 5.68 | 11.10 | ... | ... | ... |
| October | 4.84 | 5.63 | 10.47 | 5.17 | 5.96 | 11.13 | ... | ... | ... |
| November | 4.80 | 5.71 | 10.51 | 5.25 | 5.80 | 11.05 | ... | ... | ... |
| December | 4.91 | 6.56 | 11.47 | 5.36 | 6.40 | 11.76 | ... | ... | ... |

The rate of tax was increased on 11th July, 1931, and a considerable number of commodities were exempt from tax as from 1st September, 1932. Total sales for the year 1932 were £124,260,000, compared with £122,220,000 in 1931.

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from twenty-two large city stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for months shown below compared with corresponding months of previous year :—

| Month. | Number of Business Days in Month. | | Net Sales. (Value). | Value of Stock. | Wages and Salaries Paid. | Number of Employees. |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Previous Year. | Current Year. | | | | |
| 1932. | | | Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—). | | | |
| July ... | 27 | 26 | (+) 9.0 | (—) 9.4 | (+) 1.9 | (+) 8.9 |
| August ... | 26 | 27 | (+) 13.1 | (—) 10.0 | (+) 17.4 | (+) 6.8 |
| September ... | 26 | 26 | (+) 16.1* | (—) 7.6 | (+) 8.2 | (+) 9.7 |
| October ... | 26 | 25 | (—) 1.4* | (—) 6.2 | (—) 3.9 | (+) 9.0 |
| November ... | 25 | 26 | (+) 16.4 | (—) 4.8 | (+) 7.4 | (+) 10.8 |
| December ... | 25 | 25 | (—) 0.3 | (—) 2.6 | (+) 1.9 | (+) 9.9 |
| 1933. | | | | | | |
| January ... | 23 | 24 | (+) 1.7 | (—) 2.3 | (+) 0.5 | (+) 9.1 |
| February ... | 25 | 24 | (—) 3.2 | (—) 2.4 | (—) 6.3 | (+) 9.2 |
| March ... | 24† | 27† | (—) 0.1† | (+) 2.2 | (—) 10.1 | (+) 6.5 |
| April ... | 25† | 22† | (—) 3.5† | (—) 0.4 | (—) 3.1 | (+) 7.0 |
| May ... | 26 | 27 | (+) 1.6 | (—) 0.2 | (+) 1.2 | (+) 5.8 |

* September, 1932, and October, 1931, included five Fridays. After adjustment on this account the movement of sales was approximately for September (+) 13 and for October (+) 5.0 per cent.

† March, 1932, included Easter and the Bridge Opening Festival; March, 1933, and April, 1932, included five Fridays.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were :—

| | Month of May. | | | Eleven months ended 31st May. | | |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Gross Revenue. | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. | Gross Revenue. | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1931 ... | 1,090,465 | 1,058,393 | 32,072 | 14,119,565 | 11,623,218 | 2,496,347 |
| 1932 ... | 1,146,185 | 1,066,735 | 79,450 | 13,952,227 | 11,267,259 | 2,684,968 |
| 1933 ... | 1,186,523 | 943,741 | 242,782 | 14,284,070 | 10,526,687 | 3,757,383 |

* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1931-32 was £6,519,217, exclusive of £1,304,600 exchange.

| | Month of May. | | Eleven Months ended 31st May. | |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Net Goods Ton-mileage.* | Passenger Journeys. | Net Goods Ton-mileage.* | Passenger Journeys. |
| | thousands. | thousands. | thousands. | thousands. |
| 1931 | 109,835 | 10,210 | 1,396,389 | 116,221 |
| 1932 | 98,571 | 11,622 | 1,382,509 | 117,228 |
| 1933 | 121,300 | 11,289 | 1,506,494 | 121,898 |

* Goods (including wayleave) and live stock. Ton-mileage represents the weight times the distance (miles) it was carried.

During 1932-33 certain rail freights and workmen's weekly fares were reduced.

12. TRAMWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAYS.

| | Sydney and Suburbs. | | | Newcastle and Suburbs. | | |
|------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| | Earnings. | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.* | Passengers Carried. †† | Earnings. | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.* | Passengers Carried. |
| 1932. | £ | £ | | £ | £ | |
| June | 238,773 | (—) 63,241 | 20,955,818 | 16,207 | (—) 1,103 | 1,491,710 |
| July | 260,930 | 12,203 | 21,576,370 | 17,007 | 3,329 | 1,566,563 |
| August | 260,090 | 25,798 | 21,616,973 | 16,872 | 1,868 | 1,553,802 |
| September | 258,113 | 41,310 | 21,275,290 | 16,514 | 2,364 | 1,514,212 |
| October† | 234,904 | 14,121 | 22,196,205 | 17,706 | 3,676 | 1,599,337 |
| November | 246,400 | 34,497 | 22,772,571 | 17,186 | 3,788 | 1,585,162 |
| December | 273,584 | 49,446 | 24,718,456 | 19,278 | 5,886 | 1,773,180 |
| 1933. | | | | | | |
| January | 273,753 | 58,268 | 22,623,515 | 18,396 | 5,167 | 1,627,242 |
| February | 242,430 | 34,489 | 21,444,587 | 16,522 | 4,021 | 1,486,857 |
| March | 268,229 | 55,333 | 23,677,344 | 18,212 | 5,508 | 1,637,065 |
| April | 254,713 | 49,431 | 22,633,397 | 16,495 | 2,350 | 1,520,184 |
| May | 250,563 | 35,014 | 22,226,243 | 17,519 | 4,223 | 1,589,914 |

* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses. The amount of interest chargeable against the tramways in 1931-32 was £412,700, exclusive of exchange. (—) Denotes excess of working expenses over earnings. † Tram fares in Metropolitan area were reduced as from 1st October 1932. †† Excludes passengers carried on Sydney Harbour Bridge Section only.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.), AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

| Class. | 30th June— | | | 31st December, 1932.‡ | 30th April, 1933. | 31st May, 1933. | 30th June, 1933. |
|----------------------|------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | | | | |
| Cars | 169,495 | 154,096 | 143,970 | 146,582 | 147,857 | 147,742 | 147,647 |
| Lorries and Vans ... | 45,309 | 41,788 | 38,618 | 40,890 | 41,811 | 42,088 | 42,335 |
| Cycles | 29,410 | 25,453 | 22,741 | 22,808 | 22,545 | 22,451 | 22,397 |
| Buses | 640 | 676 | 362 | 360 | 423 | 420 | 415 |
| Cabs | 1,340 | 1,078 | 1,070 | 1,068 | 1,064 | 1,062 | 1,066 |

Average Weekly Number of New Cars Registered.*

| Year. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|----------|------|------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1930 ... | 394 | 361 | 285 | 200 | 199 | 196 | 181 | 183 | 135 | 141 | 141 | 132 |
| 1931 ... | 78 | 83 | 69 | 88 | 59 | 55 | 47 | 45 | 45 | 55 | 60 | 53 |
| 1932 ... | 55 | 61 | 63 | 58 | 55 | 53 | 61 | 71 | 67 | 93 | 96 | 122† |
| 1933 ... | 74 | 81 | 89 | 96 | 88 | 94 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

* Represents average for four weeks ending on first Tuesday in succeeding month until October, 1932; subsequent period's end on first Friday in ensuing month.

† Average for 3½ weeks ended 30th.

‡ Increase in registrations in December was mainly due to change of system of registration.

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

14. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

| Date. | Amount of Deposits. | Date. | Amount of Deposits. | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | 1932. | 1933. |
| 1929—June 30 | £ 85,727,514† | January 31 | £ 72,068,911* | £ 71,262,764* |
| 1930—March 31 | 80,723,561 | February 29 | 71,259,468* | 71,334,540* |
| June 30 | 82,465,430† | March 31 | 70,766,850 | 71,253,452 |
| September 30 | 78,552,912 | April 30 | 69,678,291* | 70,990,580* |
| December 31 | 73,406,775 | May 31 | 69,490,437* | 70,685,762* |
| 1931—March 31 | 70,773,167 | June 30 | 71,647,869† | ... |
| June 30 | 69,810,769† | July 31 | 71,172,593* | ... |
| September 30 | 71,448,529 | August 31 | 71,082,991* | ... |
| December 31 | 72,503,441 | September 30 | 70,906,662 | ... |
| | | October 31 | 70,774,187* | ... |
| | | November 30 | 70,584,243* | ... |
| | | December 31 | 70,298,583 | ... |

* Approximate.

† Includes accrued interest.

15. TRADING BANKS—ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

TOTAL (including Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and including Government Business).

| June Quarter. | Deposits. | Advances, &c., and Government Securities. | Excess of Advances over Deposits, &c. |
|---------------|------------|---|---|
| | thousand £ | thousand £ | thousand £ |
| 1931 | 121,616 | 136,353 | 14,737 |
| 1932 | 111,172 | 138,639 | 27,467 |
| 1933 | 114,175 | 139,357 | 25,182 |

16. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government Deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

| June Quarter. | Deposits. | | | Advances, &c. | Excess of Deposits over Advances. | Ratio of Advances to Deposits |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Bearing Interest (Fixed). | Not Bearing Interest (Current). | Total. | | | |
| | thousand £ | thousand £ | thousand £ | thousand £ | thousand £ | per cent. |
| 1931 | 63,520 | 34,890 | 98,410 | 97,360 | 1,050 | 98.9 |
| 1932 | 56,294 | 34,876 | 91,170 | 92,189 | (—) 1,019 | 101.1 |
| 1933 | 58,440 | 36,301 | 94,747 | 92,144 | 2,603 | 97.3 |

17. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

| Month. | 1929. | 1930. | 1931.* | 1932.* | 1933.* | 1929. | 1930. | 1931.* | 1932.* | 1933.* |
|---------------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Amount—Million £ | | | | | Index Numbers. | | | | |
| January ... | 86.2 | 78.2 | 67.4 | 46.7† | 49.2† | 1038 | 990 | 809 | 622† | 683† |
| February ... | 88.1 | 75.5 | 63.8 | 47.3† | 47.7† | 1047 | 958 | 808 | 617† | 655† |
| March ... | 89.8 | 83.7 | 69.9 | 42.7† | 53.3† | 1058 | 950 | 807 | 617† | 636† |
| April ... | 89.7 | 68.6 | 62.4 | 43.5† | 44.4† | 1093 | 926 | 811 | 617† | 617† |
| May ... | 89.7 | 76.7 | 54.0 | 46.1† | 58.9† | 1087 | 920 | 768 | 617† | 657† |
| June ... | 84.8 | 71.7 | 57.1 | 51.8† | 52.4† | 1089 | 893 | 741 | 655† | 668† |
| July ... | 88.8 | 73.7 | 48.9 | 46.8† | ... | 1061 | 895 | 663 | 631† | ... |
| August ... | 84.1 | 58.4 | 45.5 | 46.0† | ... | 1078 | 850 | 648 | 634† | ... |
| September ... | 78.7 | 61.7 | 54.6 | 51.3† | ... | 1073 | 825 | 643 | 646† | ... |
| October ... | 89.1 | 71.5 | 56.0 | 53.5† | ... | 1057 | 802 | 655 | 664† | ... |
| November ... | 85.5 | 65.8 | 50.6† | 55.3† | ... | 1026 | 806 | 658† | 680† | ... |
| December ... | 88.9 | 86.8 | 52.9† | 57.7† | ... | 1014 | 803 | 635† | 680† | ... |
| Year ... | 1,043.3 | 872.4 | 683.1† | 588.7† | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

* Adjusted by elimination of abnormal transactions on account of Governments.

† Unadjusted on account of amalgamation.

‡ Adjusted on account of amalgamation.

§ State Government banking transactions suspended. Index not ascertainable.

Inter-bank clearings are regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the general volume of business transactions provided they are considered in conjunction with changes in price levels.

The index represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 1,000 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels.

18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

| | | | Month of June. | | Six months ended 30th June. | |
|------|-----|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Consideration of Sales. | Amount of Mortgages.* | Consideration of Sales. | Amount of Mortgages.* |
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1931 | ... | ... | 1,013,820 | 2,220,550 | 6,567,724 | 11,988,537 |
| 1932 | ... | ... | 955,736 | 927,272 | 5,078,198 | 4,499,222 |
| 1933 | ... | ... | 1,073,113 | 785,042 | 6,962,638 | 4,327,389 |

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

The decrease is partly due to a lower level of values. Comparative figures for individual months are shown in Table 46 of the Statistical Bulletin of New South Wales for March quarter, 1933.

19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

| | | | Month of June. | | | Six months ended 30th June. | | |
|------|-----|-----|----------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | Crops | Wool. | Livestock. | Crops. | Wool. | Livestock. |
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1931 | ... | ... | 464,724 | 392,600 | 249,246 | 3,900,717 | 2,712,017 | 1,663,175 |
| 1932 | ... | ... | 446,487 | 295,275 | 208,095 | 3,644,881 | 1,684,636 | 1,197,108 |
| 1933 | ... | ... | 315,139 | 334,761 | 74,741 | 3,419,353 | 1,939,216 | 614,966 |

The amounts involved in liens amounted to £9,191,416 for the year 1932, compared with £11,602,878 in 1931.

The numbers involved in liens and mortgages were as follow :—

| Six months ended 30th June. | | | Number of Crop Liens. | Number of Sheep subject to Liens on Wool.* | Number of Livestock under Mortgage. | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | Sheep.* | Cattle. | Horses. |
| 1931 | ... | ... | 9,041 | 7,860,574 | 6,145,458 | 68,085 | 15,898 |
| 1932 | ... | ... | 7,373 | 6,613,034 | 6,321,873 | 77,729 | 10,785 |
| 1933 | ... | ... | 6,541 | 6,973,930 | 4,077,344 | 82,394 | 8,745 |

* In many cases sheep are included under both headings.

20. BANKRUPTCIES.

Sequestrations and Deeds of Arrangement, New South Wales.

| Year. | | | Month of June. | | Six months ended 30th June. | |
|-------|-----|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | | | Number. | Liabilities.* | Number. | Liabilities.* |
| | | | | £ | | £ |
| 1931 | ... | ... | 124 | 193,427 | 742 | 1,365,337 |
| 1932 | ... | ... | 58 | 62,704 | 363 | 959,506 |
| 1933 | ... | ... | 61 | 141,556 | 324 | 536,002 |

* Gross liabilities before deducting assets.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

21. UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

| | | February. | May. | August. | November. |
|------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | per cent. | per cent. | per cent. | per cent. |
| 1929 | ... | 9·7 | 10·0 | 12·4 | 13·8 |
| 1930 | ... | 16·3 | 21·0 | 23·3 | 26·3 |
| 1931 | ... | 29·2 | 30·7 | 31·6 | 31·5 |
| 1932 | ... | 31·8 | 33·2 | 33·0 | 31·9 |
| 1933 | ... | 30·2 | 29·6 | ... | ... |

The above figures are compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns supplied by Trade Unions, and represent the proportion of unemployed members to total membership in unions reporting.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID AND INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Data under these headings are now being compiled. Progress tabulations, including nearly 100 of the larger factories, indicate that there were 39,900 employees on the pay sheets in the middle week of May, 1933, compared with 35,535 in the corresponding week of 1932. The increase occurred mainly in the iron, steel, engineering, and clothing trades. The volume of employment in retail trades is indicated in Table 10.

22. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and the group averages are the means of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. It represents the ratio of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values.

Par Value of Shares = 100.

| Month. | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 5 Insurance Companies. | Total* Companies 75. | 34 Active Shares included in foregoing. |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| July, 1929... | 178·8 | 172·9 | 129·9 | 158·8 | 231·6 | 169·4 | 168·8 |
| July, 1930... | 112·5 | 102·8 | 109·6 | 87·9 | 172·6 | 112·6 | 111·2 |
| 1931. | | | | | | | |
| July ... | 77·3 | 65·9 | 90·8 | 79·3 | 119·0 | 79·5 | 83·5 |
| September§ | 72·3 | 60·2 | 87·9 | 75·2 | 121·3 | 74·4 | 77·2 |
| 1932. | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 94·2 | 75·5 | 110·0 | 95·2 | 158·8 | 93·3 | 100·9 |
| July ... | 100·0 | 78·0 | 112·1 | 94·9 | 152·0 | 95·3 | 102·1 |
| August ... | 106·1 | 83·2 | 118·6 | 106·1 | 155·2 | 100·6 | 108·4 |
| September | 114·8 | 89·4 | 125·6 | 114·6 | 163·8 | 107·6 | 116·3 |
| October ... | 121·6 | 95·9 | 129·4 | 115·9 | 174·6 | 113·5 | 121·5 |
| November | 120·6 | 93·2 | 130·4 | 108·8 | 172·1 | 111·4 | 118·9 |
| December ... | 114·0 | 90·8 | 132·6 | 102·9 | 167·8 | 107·5 | 115·2 |
| 1933. | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 114·4 | 90·2 | 131·9 | 106·2 | 163·3 | 107·0 | 115·4 |
| February ... | 116·4 | 92·1 | 133·6 | 103·6 | 164·6 | 108·6 | 117·3 |
| March ... | 115·2 | 91·6 | 132·8 | 100·4 | 164·9 | 108·3 | 116·3 |
| April ... | 116·8 | 91·3 | 130·8 | 102·9 | 165·2 | 109·2 | 117·3 |
| May ... | 122·5 | 95·0 | 134·4 | 112·1 | 169·6 | 114·0 | 121·8 |
| June ... | 129·1 | 99·3 | 138·3 | 119·6 | 176·6 | 119·3 | 127·2 |

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.

§ The lowest point of the index was reached in September, 1931.

23. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

| Month. | Average, 1929 to 1931. | 1929. | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| January | 1,000 | 1,031 | 1,013 | 956 | 929 | 979 |
| February | 1,000 | 1,044 | 981 | 974 | 949 | 972 |
| March | 1,000 | 1,018 | 1,011 | 971 | 952 | 976 |
| April | 1,000 | 1,036 | 1,004 | 960 | 956 | 961 |
| May | 1,000 | 1,055 | 1,000 | 944 | 951 | 969 |
| June | 1,000 | 1,035 | 999 | 966 | 987 | 967 |
| July | 1,000 | 1,052 | 987 | 960 | 967 | ... |
| August | 1,000 | 1,061 | 998 | 940 | 973 | ... |
| September | 1,000 | 1,085 | 979 | 936 | 969 | ... |
| October | 1,000 | 1,093 | 972 | 934 | 965 | ... |
| November | 1,000 | 1,093 | 961 | 946 | 972 | ... |
| December | 1,000 | 1,043 | 983 | 973 | 990 | ... |
| Average (12 months) | 1,000 | 1,054 | 991 | 955 | 963 | ... |

24. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

| Date. | Wool. | Wheat. | Butter (Local Sales). | Non- Rural. \$ | 100 Com- modities Average. | Average Rates of Exchange. ‡ | | | |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | Australia on London. | London on New York. | Australia on New York. | Australia on Paris. |
| 1911* | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1929* | 162 | 140 | 204 | 184 | 186 | 102 | 100 | 102 | 100 |
| 1930* | 109 | 110 | 172 | 178 | 170 | 100 | 100 | 106 | 105 |
| 1931* | 105 | 70 | 154 | 180 | 155 | 128 | 109 | 140 | 137 |
| 1932* | 96 | 88 | 140 | 177 | 152 | 125 | 139 | 174 | 172 |
| 1932—April | 88 | 89 | 149 | 179 | 155 | 125 | 130 | 163 | 161 |
| May | 87 | 91 | 138 | 178 | 152 | 125 | 132 | 165 | 165 |
| June | 86 | 86 | 141 | 178 | 152 | 125 | 133 | 166 | 166 |
| July... .. | 94 | 86 | 149 | 178 | 152 | 125 | 137 | 171 | 169 |
| August | 100 | 92 | 151 | 178 | 153 | 125 | 140 | 174 | 173 |
| September | 107 | 95 | 151 | 177 | 153 | 125 | 140 | 175 | 173 |
| October | 100 | 86 | 141 | 175 | 152 | 125 | 143 | 179 | 177 |
| November | 96 | 83 | 128 | 175 | 150 | 125 | 148 | 185 | 183 |
| December | 99 | 77 | 123 | 175 | 149 | 125 | 149 | 185 | 183 |
| 1933—January | 101 | 79 | 123 | 173 | 148 | 125 | 145 | 181 | 178 |
| February | 94 | 77 | 116 | 173 | 146 | 125 | 142 | 177 | 176 |
| March | 92 | 79 | 108 | 172 | 144 | 125 | 142 | 176 | 172 |
| April | 93 | 81 | 108 | 172 | 146 | 125 | 135 | 168 | 176 |
| May | 104 | 88 | 120 | 172 | 148 | 125 | 124 | 152 | 179 |
| June | 118 | 90 | 134 | 173 | 151 | 125 | 117 | 146 | 178 |

* Average for year.

‡ Approximate.

§ Includes only those (non-rural) primary, manufactured and imported commodities which are included in the index for 100 commodities. Highly manufactured articles are not included. The individual items are listed on pages 488 and 489 of the "Official Year Book of New South Wales" for 1920.

The decrease in prices as between the average for 1929 and June, 1933, was, respectively (per cent. of 1929 average):—Wool, 27; wheat, 36; butter, 34; non-rural, 6; 100 commodities, average, 19. On the above basis the index of prices of wool was 136 and of wheat 100 in the middle of July, 1933.

25. OVERSEA WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS.

| | 1931. | | | | | | | 1932. | | | | | | | 1933. | | | | | |
|---|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. |
| Great Britain— Board of Trade (1924 = 100) | 59.7 | 58.8 | 59.9 | 61.4 | 60.8 | 60.8 | 60.8 | 60.3 | 59.5 | 58.7 | 58.5 | 59.7 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 61.2 |
| United States— Irving Fisher (1926 = 100) | 68.7 | 60.4 | 61.8 | 62.7 | 61.1 | 60.3 | 58.5 | 56.4 | 55.3 | 56.1 | 57.2 | 60.3 | 63.1* | 63.1* | 63.1* | 63.1* | 63.1* | 63.1* | 63.1* | 63.1* |

Gold standard suspended by Great Britain 21st September, 1931, and by U.S.A. March–May, 1933. * Four weeks.

26. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Spot Prices of Metals (London Exchange, English Currency).

| Date. | Gold* (Fine). | Silver (Standard). | Lead. | Spelter. | Tin (Standard). | Copper (Standard). |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | per oz. | per oz. | per ton. | per ton. | per ton. | per ton. |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Average, 1927-29 ... | 4 4 11 | 2 1 75 | 22 18 11 | 26 4 4 | 240 1 8 | 64 19 5 |
| September, 1931 ... | 4 11 3 | 1 2 10 | 11 19 7 | 11 16 4 | 117 17 10 | 31 11 1 |
| 1932. | | | | | | |
| June ... | 5 13 4 | 1 4 84 | 9 15 0 | 11 14 2 | 114 12 11 | 26 18 4 |
| September ... | 5 18 8 | 1 6 00 | 13 4 9 | 15 10 9 | 152 16 3 | 35 0 8 |
| December ... | 6 5 9 | 1 5 11 | 11 6 10 | 15 5 7 | 149 17 10 | 29 2 8 |
| 1933. | | | | | | |
| January ... | 6 2 6 | 1 4 88 | 10 12 11 | 14 9 9 | 145 15 11 | 28 12 0 |
| February ... | 6 0 9 | 1 4 88 | 10 11 6 | 13 19 10 | 148 12 8 | 28 10 7 |
| March ... | 6 0 4 | 1 5 59 | 10 14 4 | 14 13 2 | 149 4 2 | 28 4 5 |
| April ... | 6 0 8 | 1 6 44 | 10 19 11 | 15 1 7 | 158 0 4 | 29 12 5 |
| May ... | 6 3 4 | 1 7 05 | 12 4 8 | 15 11 8 | 186 5 10 | 34 2 2 |
| June ... | 6 2 3 | 1 7 08 | 13 8 6 | 16 17 7 | 220 1 8 | 36 16 1 |
| July (1st to 14th) ... | 6 4 0 | 1 6 85 | 13 10 4 | 18 0 2 | 219 4 8 | 38 9 4 |

*The par price of gold is £4 4s. 11d. per oz. fine.

27. SUMMARY.

The following Table provides some indication of trends in 1932 and 1933 in respect of the principal activities for which it is possible to indicate general trends by monthly figures :—

| Refer to Table No. ... | 17 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 12 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------|
| Month. | Index of Bank Clearings. | Value of Goods sold at Wholesale. | Value of Goods sold by certain Factories. | Quantity of Coal Hauled by Railways. | Value of City and Suburban Building Permits. (d). | Number of Passenger Journeys on Railways. | Index of Quantity of Gas and Electricity Consumed. | Tramway Revenue. |
| 1932. | | £ (b) | £ (b) | tons (a) | £ (a) | (c) | | £ (a) |
| January ... | 622 | 989 | 182 | 326 | 81 | 103 | 929 | 321 |
| February ... | 617 | 952 | 211 | 371 | 69 | 107 | 949 | 288 |
| March ... | ... | 955 | 227 | 385 | 129 | 119 | 952 | 346 |
| April ... | ... | 1,017 | 202 | 378 | 78 | 110 | 956 | 293 |
| May ... | ... | 1,017 | 199 | 386 | 139 | 116 | 951 | 285 |
| June ... | 655 | 961 | 182 | 396 | 78 | 111 | 987 | 255 |
| July ... | 631 | 1,009 | 189 | 417 | 111 | 110 | 967 | 277 |
| August ... | 634 | 1,022 | 206 | 369 | 134 | 113 | 973 | 278 |
| September ... | 646 | 1,110 | 212 | 415 | 110 | 108 | 969 | 275 |
| October ... | 664 | 1,113 | 204 | 370 | 123 | 119 | 965 | 253 |
| November ... | 680 | 1,105 | 233 | 433 | 124 | 108 | 972 | 264 |
| December ... | 680 | 1,176 | 238 | 363 | 140 | 114 | 990 | 293 |
| 1933. | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 683 | 952 | 200 | 360 | 155 | 113 | 979 | 292 |
| February ... | 655 | 998 | 210 | 387 | 163 | 102 | 972 | 259 |
| March ... | 636 | 1,092 | 230 | 431 | 273 | 108 | 976 | 286 |
| April ... | 617 | 1,067 | 186 | 337 | 238 | 111 | 961 | 271 |
| May ... | 657 | 1,137 | 215 | 474 | 182 | 113 | 969 | 268 |
| June ... | 668 | ... | ... | 435 | 287 | ... | 967 | ... |

(a) Thousands. (b) Ten thousands. (c) Hundred thousands. (d) New buildings and additions. *Not available.

The general position in regard to primary industries might be gauged by reference to tables 1 to 4, and to the prices shown in the graph on page 1, and in table 24.

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